

**Dracut Recreation Commission
Minutes of November 14, 2016
Dracut Town Hall**

Present: Mike Parent, Jamie Desmarais, Gordy Scott, Ray McCann, Steve Gomes, Denis Kennedy, Shannon Mitton-Talbot, Recreation Director Lori Cahill and Recording Secretary Cyndy Alexander

Absent: Steve Talbot, George Malonis

Opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Community Input: None

Approval of Minutes of October 3, 2016: Motion made by Mr. Scott to approve the Minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. McCann. Motion passed unanimously.

Review of Financial Accounts: Ms. Cahill reviewed the accounts for October through November 9, 2016. Ms. Cahill informed the Commission that the cap on the "Field Use Fee Account" is \$100,000. No issues were raised. Motion to accept financial report by Mr. Scott. Motion seconded by Mr. Gomes. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: None

Action Items from previous meetings:

Dillon-McAnespie Video Camera: The video camera has been repaired is now functioning properly.

Committee Reports:

- **Boys Basketball:** Mr. Scott stated numbers are up quite a bit in the 3/4th grade level and will have to add more teams, gym time, staffing. Overall they had over 20 additional "late" registrations in the 10 days since registrations closed. They currently can only now accept a maximum of five 7/8th graders. All other age groups are maxed out. For Travel Basketball the finals begin on 12/4. Draft will be held next week for the Jr/Sr league. Scorekeepers meeting is next week also. Will work on getting coaches CORIs done.
- **Girls Basketball:** Mr. Parent states the Rec numbers are also up approximately 20 registrations from last year. Mr. Parent asked that the Rec Department only accept registrations for 1/2nd graders as the other age groups are full. Draft will be held on Tuesday night. Practices start on the Monday after Thanksgiving, November 28th. Rosters will be completed soon and shared with the Recreation Department. Brendan Cripps is handling the 1/2nd graders at the Brookside. Mike Sancier is handling Girls Travel Basketball. One child transferred from Travel to Rec today and that adjustment has been made at the Rec office.
- **Baseball:** Mr. McCann informed the Board that Fall Baseball season is done.

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- **Softball:** Steve Gomes states their season is done and they will be cleaning up Monahan this week. Ms. Cahill and Mark Hamel went to the bathrooms during a rain storm and checked for leaks and saw exactly where the water was getting in under the door. The leak in the bathroom has been fixed by the original builder, Vanguard of Dracut. The bathroom faucet has been repaired for the second time by the original plumber. The bathrooms need to be winterized soon. Ms. Cahill has spoken with the DPW Director and will follow-up with him. Mr. Gomes has received many comments from residents that they are very happy with the addition of the new bathrooms.
- **Ski:** Ms. Mitton-Talbot registrations start on November 28th. Skiing will be held on Saturday evenings. Bradford won the bid. Nashoba did not bid. Ms. Cahill and Ms. Mitton-Talbot reviewed budgets and determined there was not enough to discount the free lunch children but there was enough to lower the price for everyone by a few dollars. The dates were pushed back a bit, they will start on 1/21/17. The hats will be brought in to the Rec office and they will be distributed with the tickets during the registration process. Sign-ups end on 1/6/17 to allow time to process paperwork for Bradford Mountain.
- **NFL Flag Football:** The season is done. They will be attending a tournament soon. Very popular this year. Attendance is growing.
- **Volleyball:** Ms. Cahill states the season is almost done. The basketball teams will use the Richardson Middle School once volleyball is done. Mr. Parent said he stopped by a few volleyball games and noted there were a very small number of children participating. With the shortage of gym space perhaps volleyball should use less gym time and a more structured schedule next year.
- **Wrestling:** Ms. Cahill will have the DPW bring the mats to the school next week. Mr. Desmarais will update the dracutwrestling.com website.
- **Lacrosse:** Mr. Desmarais states the sign-ups are open and boys 3/4th graders is already maxed out and the Rec office has started a waiting list. Mr. Desmarais and Brian Hiltz met to discuss possibly adding more teams if needed and using the fields at the dump. Ms. Cahill agreed. Probably a little less travel this year, play more local teams. Sign-ups run until February 5, 2017 or until full. We will waitlist any age groups that max out and add teams if necessary.

New Business: None

Old Business:

Skateboard Park: Will be discussed at the December Rec meeting as the Town Manager has not had a chance to review all data provided to him by Ms. Cahill.

Motion made by Mr. McCann to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Gomes. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm. Next Meeting is Monday, December 6, 2016 at 7:00pm.

Michael Parent

ABSENT

George Malonis

Steve Gomes

Denis Kennedy

Gordon Scott

Ray McCann

ABSENT

Steve Talbot

Shannon Mitton-Talbot

Jamie Desmarais

Recording Secretary
Cyndy Alexander